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April 26, 2000

Mr. Mark I. Napier, P.E.  
W&H Pacific  
3350 Monte Villa Parkway  
Bothell, WA 98021

**Request for Proposal (RFP) E93066E, Design Services for the King County International  
Airport Runway 13L-13R Overlay**

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Dear Mr. Napier:

This letter is in response to your protest letter dated April 20, 2000. The County has investigated your protest and has determined that Reid Middleton did indeed visit the site and discuss the project with John Current. This site visit may have impacted the scoring of the Proposals.

To correct this error, the County proposes the following:

1. The selection of Reid Middleton as the highest ranked proposer is withdrawn.
2. The County will provide W & H an opportunity to visit the site and ask questions of Mr. Current.
3. Once the W & H site visit has been conducted, the County will interview both your firm and Reid Middleton. A letter will be sent to both firms addressing the date, place, time and format the interview or presentation shall take. Be advised that one of the criteria will be the "Proposed Method" and while W & H will be able to provide additional information from that which it initially proposed, Reid Middleton will not be afforded the same opportunity. We will use the information submitted by Reid Middleton as part of its initially submitted Proposal.

Also be advised that, any further questions you may have, whether they be technical or otherwise, regarding this process, please direct them to Daisy Traylor, the Contracts Specialist now assigned to this RFP. Ms. Traylor's direct number is (206) 684-2024.

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I am also enclosing a copy of a letter the County received from Reid Middleton on the matter of the protest for your files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KENDALL H. MOORE', written over the printed name.

KENDALL H. MOORE  
PCSS Supervisor

cc:

John Current (ACF-CF-0100)  
Jim Napolitano (ADM-CF-0320)  
Joyce Stahn (ADM-CF-0320)  
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April 25, 2000

Ms. Kendall H. Moore, PCSS Supervisor  
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Subject: Design Services for King County International Airport Runway 13L-31R  
Overlay, RFP No. E93066E - Consultant Selection

Dear Ms. Moore,

We have received your notification of the protest filed by W & H Pacific as well as a copy of W & H Pacific's original letter to King County. Please allow us to offer our initial views of the situation.

Our intent is always to follow the requirements of a Request for Proposal and, for this project, we identified no written instructions in the RFP that prohibited site visits. The RFP obviously included the reference that 'technical questions may be directed to Mr. Hicker; however, we did not construe this statement to mean that contacting Mr. Hicker was the sole permissible avenue toward achieving a better understanding of your project. Over the past few months, we have been working with the airport staff at Boeing Field in connection with another project within the facility, and we've been acquainted with John Current for several years. Contacting John directly regarding a site tour struck us as being appropriate and logical, and we visited the site after contacting him.

We believe that our proposal was responsive, that it was prepared in accordance with the RFP, and that there are no legitimate grounds for disqualification. Please let us know how we can help to resolve this matter so that we can all begin organizing the steps toward a successful rehabilitation of your secondary runway.

Sincerely,

Reid Middleton, Inc.

  
President

Reinhard Jung, P.E.

Director, Airport Engineering

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